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"ELMHURST" OF CHRISTIAN MOBILIZERS IS NAZI BUNDITE FLEISCHKOPF

Attended Conference at Erfurt, Germany, as "American Delegate"

The Christian Mobilizer for October 14 carries an article, "Our National Issue," by Ernest F. Elmhurst. Therein, in the name of "Gentile Americans," the author exclaims: "Jewry, yield, else pogroms!" We are hereby able to expose the bloodthirsty writer for Joe McWilliams' sheet as a noted Nazi whose name is not Elmhurst but Fleischkopf.

He changed his name from Fleischkopf some years ago because he felt it sounded too Jewish. Fleischkopf-Elmhurst has been a member of the Nazi Bund in New York since its inception, and has always been very active in its politics. Late in August, 1937, the Bund sent him and another member as "American delegates" to attend the international conference at Erfurt, Germany, of the "World-Service," the notorious Nazi state agency for spreading propaganda abroad. The Hour has in its possession a photostat of the letter which was addressed by the delegates at Erfurt on September 4, 1937, to Robert E. Edmondson of New York City, praising the latter and his anti-democratic and anti-Semitic work. The Nazis claim that the numerous signatures on this letter are by "representatives of 22 nations," and among others there are these two signatures, both in Germanic handwriting: "C. G. Campbell, U. S. A.; Ernest F. Elmhurst, U. S. A."

Pelley, Bund, McWilliams and Coughlin

It is also known to us that two years ago Fleischkopf-Elmhurst came into close contact with William Dudley Pelley and plunged deep into Silver Shirt work. Early last year, together with Pelley, he wrote a book entitled The World Hoax, but later he had a squabble with the goateed fuehrer of Asheville, North Carolina, and this resulted in a breakdown of their relationship.

Fleischkopf-Elmhurst is now among the Bundites delegated by Fritz Kuhn and Joe McWilliams to work as "real Americans" in the Christian Mobilizers' organization and paper. The camouflage is a flimsy

one, as McWilliams' weekly carries advertisements of German Nazi shops in Yorkville and the Bronx, and even one double-column top-page ad conveying to the Mobilizers "compliments of the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, fighting weekly of the German-American Bund." It is perhaps only a coincidence, but the Bund's advertisement appears on the same page with Fleischkopf-Elmhurst's article.

Father Coughlin's tie with the Christian Mobilizers, and thus with the Nazi Bund, is once more established by way of a notice in the same issue of Joe McWilliams' weekly that the Mobilizers are sponsoring in the Bronx a "Father Coughlin Birthday Ball" on October 25, the net proceeds of which will be forwarded to Royal Oak "to help carry on the Americanization work of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin."

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#### MEMBER OF IRON GUARD UNDER U. S. INVESTIGATION

Rumanian Fascist Active in New York -- Aids McWilliams and the Bund

The Hour learns that George F. A. Boian, president of the Association of Rumanian Christians in the United States, and reputedly a member of the Rumanian Iron Guard (the terrorist fascist organization which recently murdered Armand Calinescu, the Rumanian Premier), is under investigation for subversive activities in this country. Boian, who arrived here three years ago and speaks English with a pronounced foreign accent, is charged with organizing Rumanian-Americans in a bloc to cooperate with the German-American Bund and to strive toward an undemocratic form of government in America.

As a speaker for Social Justice Distributors' Club, an organization sanctioned by Father Coughlin, Boian has been reported as advocating a dictatorship for this country. "A nationalist America under one leader, like a Hitler or Mussolini," Boian was heard to say at Columbus Circle in New York, "is the only way to end the economic troubles of this country." This reputed member of the Iron Guard was guest speaker for the Christian Mobilizers on October 16. "God bless Fritz Kuhn," Boian exclaimed, "we should have more great men like him!" The rest of Boian's talk was devoted to his recommendation of a "purge" of pro-democratic forces in the United States. Both at the beginning and the end of his address, he gave the upraised-arm Nazi salute.

Boian is a young man of 26. He represents himself as news correspondent for Porunca Vremii, notorious nationalist and pro-Nazi daily in Bucharest. He is acknowledged to be a member of McWilliams' Christian Mobilizers, also of the Christian Defense League; he is an intimate friend of Fritz Kuhn and of the Bund's national secretary James Wheeler-Hill, whose offices he visits frequently. His other contacts among the pro-fascist and anti-Semitic organizations here are extensive, and he prides himself on the prodigious amount of anti-democratic work done by him in the comparatively short time that he has been in this country.

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## NEGRO ISSUE USED BY FASCISTS

Attack Mayor LaGuardia and Secretary Ickes for "Favoritism Toward Negroes" -- Yet Try to Make a Case out of "Jewish Oppression of Negroes"

An attack upon Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York for "Fraternalizing with Negroes" is the main feature of an article, entitled "Facts and Misdeeds," in La Difesa della Raza (Rome, Italy) for September 5. Photographs, showing the Mayor playing with Negro babies and eating hot-dogs in company with Negro and Jewish children, are printed in the text with scornful captions. T. Salvotti, the author of the article, quotes with much approval from the New York Bund's Weekruf and Father Coughlin's Social Justice, which the Italian fascist writer defines as "a patriotic American publication."

In the United States, the native fascists play the same tune of anti-Negro feeling but in a more ambiguous way. Thus, the most recent issue of the New York Christian Mobilizer carries an item purported to come from Washington and discussing "continued favoritism shown Negroes in the department" headed by Secretary Harold L. Ickes. It reports "growing resentment" allegedly felt by white employees toward such favoritism, and adds: "Strangely enough this resentment is most pronounced among employees from the northern states." The elusive tone of the item is evidently McWilliams' attempt to bag support of both Negroes and anti-Negro whites.

## The Bund and the Negroes

The effort to gain support of the Negroes is an old trick of the German-American Bund. While in Germany and Italy the fascists deride American liberals for their sympathetic attitude toward Negroes, in this country the fascists try to exploit the Negro issue by "sympathizing" with the colored people for their "being oppressed by the Jews." Anti-Semitic leaflets and pamphlets were at one time distributed among Negro day-workers on Southern Boulevard in the Bronx. In Harlem, the main Negro section of New York, a similar effort was made with an even greater persistence. After the Bund rally of last February in Madison Square Garden, a person describing herself as "the Countess" appeared in the offices of the New Amsterdam News, the leading Negro publication, to explain that the meeting was "not anti-Negro but only anti-Jewish."

A group led by a certain Arthur Reid conducted a campaign to "drive Jews out of Harlem." In a paper called the Harlem Bulletin an article was recently printed calling upon the Negroes of Harlem to follow the example of Hitler. Some months ago six Negro residents of Harlem were taken to Germany by the Nazis and shown a regal time. The six came back wearing new clothes and boasting of fat checkbooks. They then proceeded to propagandize the Harlem populace with glowing praise of Hitler's Reich, but soon either their money or their enthusiasm (or perhaps both at the same time) betrayed signs of petering out. Nothing much is heard of them at the present.

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## ARCAND DISGUISES HIS WORK IN CANADA

A host of Scotland Yard agents, sent over from England for just the purpose, has been aiding the Dominion government in the roundup of Nazi Germans throughout Canada. We learn, however, that no concerted drive has as yet been aimed at Adrien Arcand's fascist National Unity Party, even though this particular group has the closest ties with the propaganda chiefs in Berlin and with the Nazi Bundites in the United States.

To forestall a governmental attack upon his party, Arcand has reorganized his group and changed some of his propaganda methods. In this respect his efforts since the war have closely paralleled those of Fritz Kuhn. Arcand is trying to utilize the isolationist sentiments of a certain section of the Canadian populace by labeling the present conflict in Europe "the Jewish war." As a disguise for open fascist activity, the pro-Nazi "Gentile Protective Association" has been set up. There is a rumor that numerous followers of Arcand have enlisted in the Canadian Army with the idea of obeying their fuhrer rather than their military commanders.

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FATHER COUGHLIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE HAS KIND WORDS FOR PAGANISM

"Although the pagan movement in Germany is in opposition to Christianity," we read in Father Coughlin's Social Justice for October 9, "it is an ally of Christianity against the atheism, agnosticism and religious indifference which are eating out the heart of Christianity in all the great 'democracies.'" This quotation is from one of the two articles on the present war in Europe written for Coughlin's journal by its foreign correspondent, Dr. J. S. Barnes. In another paragraph Dr. Barnes states that he is a Catholic, and provides the following clue for the Coughlinites on attitudes to be taken toward the war and America's foreign policy: "For the church, therefore, a victory for the Axis will be less harmful than a victory for the Allies."

The initials of J. S. Barnes stand for James Strachey. He is the openly fascist member of the famous Strachey family, and has written several sympathetic books on experiences in Mussolini's Italy.

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## THE FUTURE OF THE BREMEN

A friend in Berlin informs us via Switzerland that the Nazis' joy over the safe arrival of the Bremen and other German ships in the Soviet port of Murmansk is not exactly unbounded. There is a definite uneasiness among the Nazis over the speed and seeming finality with which the Soviet Russians are moving into the territories left by the Nazis in the Kremlin's custody, and fear is now expressed in the Reich that the Russians may apply the same technique to the Nazi ships left in their protection. The same view was voiced by another friend of The Hour, an American who last Saturday returned to this country from a sojourn in the Scandinavian states and Russia. "The Bremen," he said, "may be the nucleus of Russia's future trans-Atlantic service."

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## TROUBLES ON THE REICH'S HOME-FRONT

## Uneasiness and Opposition Among Various Classes

For refusal to answer the call to the colors, sixteen Germans have been executed by the Nazis in the small towns of Lotstetten, Jestetten and Altenburg. One of the victims was Richard Glatt, a 55-year old farmer. He was doing guard duty on the Swiss frontier near his home when he was ordered to active duty on the Eastern front. Since Glatt's four sons were front-line soldiers, the man filed a petition asking to be left on border duty. The Nazis' reply was to send military police to his house where they shot him down in cold blood.

A Swedish newspaper, Goteborgs Handelstidning, of the middle of September, describes the gloomy mood in which some of the German soldiers go to the front. "The newly mobilized," the newspaper reports, "often refuse the proffered flowers, saying that they are not going to a festival. It was necessary to use force in order to remove women and children from the railroad tracks on which they lay in an attempt to prevent troop-trains from departure."

Reliable underground sources tell us of the unconcealed disgust with which many Germans view the officers of the SA and SS (storm-troops and elite guards). In restaurants and offices these men are often referred to as "Drueckeberger" and "Etappenschweine" (shirkers and soft-job swine). Most of these SA and SS officers are not sent to the front but are being kept in the Reich and in the "protectorates" to watch and put down the opposition.

## Causes Vary from Wartime Soap to Soviet Pact

The opposition is of a wide variety of causes and manifestations. At one end, poor housewives complain because food-prices have climbed twenty per cent and more, because wartime soap is made of sand mixed with a little perfume. At the other end, Prussian Junkers fear the growing influence of the Kremlin as the consequence of the Berlin-Moscow pact. Great uneasiness was caused among the upper classes of Germany by the news that many of the Polish farm-laborers, who used to work on the baronial estates of East Prussia, have been given by the Soviet, land of their own in the East Poland provinces taken over by the Russians. The Junkers see the loss of their cheap labor; they and their representatives in Hitler's army also fear that this new Bolshevik wave will flow over into their direction.

The acts of sabotage within the Reich are on the increase. In some German cities, passing military cars and motorcycles have encountered small glass strewn over the pavements. Private owners would not deliver their cars as promptly as they were ordered by the military. The 100,000 Czechoslovaks, who were sent to the Reich's work-camps, labored so little that in many cases the harvest was endangered.

The growth of the people's resistance is revealed by the Nazis themselves in the new slogan they invented: the "Innerer Kriegsschauplatz" (interior battlefield).

